

## ENROLLED ORIGINAL

## A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-139

## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To recognize the District of Columbia Bear Club, and to declare August 11, 2007, as "DC Bear Invasion Weekend Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Bear Club has served the District of Columbia community for more than 12 years as a Levi/Leather bear club;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Bear Club was created to promote fellowship among bears, cubs, Levi/Leather, and other diverse members of the District of Columbia gay/lesbian community;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Bear Club seeks to promote inter-club relations with local, regional, national, and international bear and Levi/Leather communities;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Bear Club seeks to create a positive public image for bears, cubs, and their admirers within the larger community;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Bear Club conducts ongoing fundraising events to support charitable activity within the community;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Bear Club provides funds and volunteer assistance as a sustaining member of Brother Help Thyself, a community-based foundation that funds nonprofit agencies serving the GLBTQ and HIV/AIDS metropolitan communities of Baltimore and Washington;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Bear Club is a member of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council and Capital Area Board;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Bear Club has sponsored the internationally-recognized "DC Bear Invasion" weekend since 1997 that annually draws over 350 bears, cubs, and their admirers to the District;

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WHEREAS, "DC Bear Invasion" is held to further the social, community-building, and fundraising mission of the District of Columbia Bear Club; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Bear Club names "Mr. DC Bear" and "Mr. DC Bear Cub" at each "DC Bear Invasion" to serve as local, regional, and national ambassadors of the District of Columbia Bear Club within the bear and Levi/Leather community and the community at-large.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "DC Bear Invasion Weekend Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the District of Columbia Bear Club; and declares August 11, 2007, "DC Bear Invasion Weekend Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize the Ethiopian Yellow Pages, and to declare September 15, 2007, as "Ethiopian Yellow Pages Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Ethiopian Yellow Pages is celebrating its 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary;

WHEREAS, the Ethiopian Yellow Pages plays a pivotal role in facilitating information and communication between the Ethiopian community and various businesses in Ward One and across the city;

WHEREAS, the Ethiopian Yellow Pages was founded with the goal of providing the fastest and most accurate business information to a wide range of users;

WHEREAS, the Ethiopian Yellow Pages serves over 250,000 Ethiopians in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Ethiopian Yellow Pages has grown from 80 pages to its current print of more than 900 pages; and

WHEREAS, the Ethiopian Yellow Pages has launched an online website, making its services accessible to millions of people around the world.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ethiopian Yellow Pages Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the Ethiopian Yellow Pages, and declares September 15, 2007, "Ethiopian Yellow Pages Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To recognize the Ethiopian Millennium, and to declare September 12, 2007, as "Ethiopian Millennium Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Ethiopian culture has an ancient calendar that counts period of time both before and after the birth of Jesus Christ;

WHEREAS, unlike the Roman calendar, the Julian calendar, or the Gregorian calendar, which considers the birth of Jesus Christ as year zero and counts backward for the years before His birth, the Ethiopian calendar has a fixed start date for counting the years before Jesus Christ;

WHEREAS, according to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, the world was created 5500 years before the birth of Jesus Christ;

WHEREAS, the Ethiopian calendar lags the Julian calendar and the Gregorian calendar by 7 years between January 1 and September 11, and by 8 years between September 12 and December 31;

WHEREAS, although advertisers of Ethiopia may imply that the year is divided into 13 months, the Ethiopian calendar is actually divided into 12 months across 365 and a quarter days;

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Ethiopian immigrants are now living in the United States, with the largest concentration in Ward One and the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the third Ethiopian millennium begins September 12, 2007.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ethiopian Millennium Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the Ethiopian Millennium, and declares September 12, 2007, "Ethiopian Millennium Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To recognize Bancroft Elementary School, the law firm of Howrey LLP, Ms. Prue Kestner, and Mr. Larry Ray, and to declare September 5, 2007, as "Peacemaking and Conflict Mediation Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the law firm of Howrey LLP, Bancroft Elementary School, Prue Kestner, and Larry Ray of I-OPT, Incorporated have delivered 12 years of peacemaking, conflict management, and mediation training to Bancroft Elementary School students in Ward One;

WHEREAS, these skills, as manifested in Bancroft's students and teachers, have helped create a peaceful school environment;

WHEREAS, when conflicts arise, students and teachers have learned to "talk things out" by expressing their feelings and positions about such conflicts so that they may be resolved without violence;

WHEREAS, these skills are helpful in their home and community environments; and

WHEREAS, this training serves as a model to create a peaceful community in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Peacemaking and Conflict Mediation Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Bancroft Elementary School, the law firm of Howrey LLP, Ms. Prue Kestner, and Mr. Larry Ray, and declares September 5, 2007, "Peacemaking and Conflict Mediation Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To recognize and officially congratulate Mayor William Salgado of the city of San Miguel, El Salvador, to applaud the important contributions he and his administration are making for the people of San Miguel, and to declare August 2007, as "The Month of Friendship Between the Cities of San Miguel and Washington, D.C." in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and commends Mayor William Salgado for his 2006 re-election as Mayor of San Miguel, El Salvador;

WHEREAS, Mayor Salgado has traveled to Washington, D.C. many times to stay in touch with the citizens of San Miguel, many of whom live, work, and own businesses in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and across the United States;

WHEREAS, Mayor Salgado represents a vast majority of migrant Salvadorans living abroad who contribute to the economy and livelihood of families still in San Miguel and other part of "Oriente" of El Salvador;

WHEREAS, Mayor Salgado has dedicated much of his life to serve the public, improve social services in San Miguel, and provide access and opportunities for working families; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Salgado has created programs for the advancement of residents, equipped schools, created jobs and small business opportunities for local and rural merchants, and is fighting for a better healthcare system for the poor.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as "The Month of Friendship Day Between the Cities of San Miguel and Washington, D.C. Resolution of 2007".

Sec 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and officially congratulates Mayor William Salgado of the city of San Miguel, El Salvador, applauds the important contributions he and his administration are making for the people of San Miguel, and declares

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August 2007, as "The Month of Friendship Between the Cities of San Miguel and Washington, D.C.".

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.



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September 18, 2007

To recognize and officially congratulate Mayor Violeta Menjivar of the city of San Salvador, El Salvador, to applaud the important contributions she and her administration are making for the people of San Salvador, and to declare August 2007, as "The Month of Friendship Between the Cities of San Salvador and Washington, D.C." in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and commends Mayor Violeta Menjivar for her 2006 election as Mayor of San Salvador;

WHEREAS, Mayor Menjivar has set a historic landmark as the first woman elected Mayor of the capital city of this wonderful nation, El Salvador;

WHEREAS, Mayor Menjivar travels across the world to promote the life and culture of San Salvador and to procure funds and programs for the social advancement of the people;

WHEREAS, Mayor Menjivar has dedicated much of her life to serve the public, improve social services in El Salvador, and provide more access and opportunities for working families; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Menjivar has created programs for the advancement of women, equipped schools, created jobs and small business opportunities for local and rural merchants, and is fighting for a better healthcare system for the poor.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as "The Month of Friendship Between the Cities of San Salvador and Washington, D.C. Resolution of 2007".

Sec 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and officially congratulates Mayor Violeta Menjivar of the city of San Salvador, El Salvador, applauds the important contributions she and her administration are making for the people of San Salvador, and declares

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August 2007, as "The Month of Friendship Between the Cities of San Salvador and Washington, D.C.".

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To honor Donnie Simpson, of the "Donnie Simpson Show" on WPGC-FM, as he celebrates 30 years in the media arena for his impact in Washington, D.C. and around the world.

WHEREAS, Donnie Simpson began his radio career at WJLB in Detroit at the age of 15 and, after a successful 8 years, moved his family to Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Donnie Simpson worked as WKYS' morning show host and Program Director for 15 years before joining the WPGC-FM family in 1993;

WHEREAS, Donnie Simpson began his television career as George Michael's back-up sports anchor for WRC-TV in 1981;

WHEREAS, Donnie Simpson became one of the nation's first "VJs" when he joined Black Entertainment Television as a host of *Video Soul* and presented a wide array of music videos and conducted hundreds of live celebrity interviews;

WHEREAS, Donnie Simpson had several appearances in motion pictures in the 1980's and early 1990's;

WHEREAS, Donnie Simpson had several appearances on popular television sitcoms and as a guest on television talk shows;

WHEREAS, Donnie Simpson, as an active community volunteer, has served as Honorary Chairman of the National Black Family Reunion and assisted in fundraising efforts for the United Negro College Fund and AIDS research;

WHEREAS, Donnie Simpson and his wife, Pam, have established The Donnie & Pam Simpson Scholarship Fund, to insure that students of color who are in need of financial assistance get the opportunity they deserve;

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WHEREAS, Donnie Simpson is highly esteemed as an expert on current top music and entertainment topics according to numerous national networks and publications; and

WHEREAS, Donnie Simpson has received many awards, including Billboard's "Program Director of the Year", Billboard's "1998 Air Personality of the Year", and Black Radio Exclusives' "Drummer Award."

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Donnie Simpson Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the great contribution Donnie Simpson has made and continues to make to the world every morning with his unique blend of humor, celebrity guests, and the hottest music in the country.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To commemorate the passing of Burton Johnson, the District of Columbia's first African-American to serve as Fire Chief of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department.

WHEREAS, Burton Johnson was appointed to the District of Columbia's Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department - Engine Company # 4, located at 931 "R" Street, N.W., on January 16, 1943, and retired as the Fire Chief on March 1, 1978;

WHEREAS, Burton Johnson was born on September 5, 1917, to John and Genevieve Johnson, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Burton Johnson completed his formative education in the District of Columbia Public Schools;

WHEREAS, Burton Johnson has 2 daughters, Brenda Ford and Sylvia Brown;

WHEREAS, Burton Johnson was a member of Epithany Episcopal Church for more than 50 years;

WHEREAS, Burton Johnson was a member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Lodge of the District of Columbia, PHA - F& AM - Ionic Lodge #17 - Jonathan Davis Consistory #1 (Past Commander in Chief) - United Supreme Council of 33 Degree Masons; and

WHEREAS, Burton Johnson served the citizens, the business community, and our Nation's Capital with distinguished service for 35 years.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Fire Chief Burton Johnson Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2007".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Fire Chief Burton Johnson for all of his efforts and dedicated service he gave to Washington, D.C.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To recognize and honor the City Wide Network of Treatment, Recovery and Advocacy Organizations and declare September 12 - 16, 2007, as "DC Recovery Weekend" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, September is National Recovery Month, as designated by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services;

WHEREAS, Gospel Rescue Ministries of Washington, D.C., The DC Recovery Community Alliance, and the District of Columbia's Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration are co-sponsoring DC Recovery Weekend as part of National Recovery Month;

WHEREAS, thirty-one organizations comprised of the District's leading substance abuse treatment providers, recovery support organizations, advocacy groups, and federal and District agencies signed on as DC Recovery Week sponsors, each sponsoring community events during the weekend;

WHEREAS, these groups will be hosting a city-wide conference entitled, Help, Hope and Healing at Gallaudet University;

WHEREAS, churches, mosques and synagogues will be dedicating their sermons/messages to recovery during the weekend; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Nationals professional baseball team will be dedicating their game against the Atlanta Braves on September 16, 2007 to these efforts.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "DC Recovery Weekend Declaration Resolution of 2007".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and commends the success of City Wide Network of Treatment, Recovery and Advocacy Organizations, and holds them as a positive role model to all citizens, and declares September 12-16, 2007, "DC Recovery Weekend" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.



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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To recognize and honor performing arts advocate and native Washingtonian Gloria Jeannie Hightower on the occasion of the celebration of her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

WHEREAS, Gloria Jeannie Hightower was born on April 6, 1957, at D.C. General Hospital;

WHEREAS, Gloria Jeannie Hightower is the daughter of Essie Willingham Hightower and Earl Thomas Hightower;

WHEREAS, Gloria Jeannie Hightower graduated from Dunbar Senior High School;

WHEREAS, after studying at the University of Maryland, Gloria Jeannie Hightower decided to complete her education at the University of the District of Columbia, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and an Associate's Degree in Personnel Management;

WHEREAS, Gloria Jeannie Hightower is co-founder emeritus of the Friends of the Carter Baron Foundation of the Performing Arts, the first minority organization ever to sign a partnership with the United States Department of the Interior National Capital Region's District of Columbia Office;

WHEREAS, through her tenacious commitment to educating and enlightening youths in the District of Columbia about the performing arts, Gloria Jeannie Hightower has touched the lives of countless young people and provided them with opportunities that might otherwise not been available to them; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Jeannie Hightower will celebrate her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday at a gathering of friends and family on Saturday, September 1, 2007.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gloria Jeannie Hightower 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Gloria Jeannie Hightower on the occasion of the celebration of her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To recognize and honor the Gethsemane Baptist Church on the occasion of its 95th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Gethsemane Baptist Church was organized with 12 charter members on August 22, 1912, under the leadership of James Thomas Harvey, who at that time was a Deacon of Washington's Mount Airy Baptist Church;

WHEREAS, Reverend Harvey was ordained on April 2, 1913, by Mount Airy Baptist Church so that he could fully perform his duties as pastor and remained as pastor to Gethsemane Baptist Church until his home going in 1941;

WHEREAS, for approximately 10 years, the Gethsemane Baptist Church congregation worshiped in a small frame house on New Hampshire Avenue near Washington Circle;

WHEREAS, the Gethsemane Baptist Church then moved to 21<sup>st</sup> Street, between L and M streets, N.W., and, in 1932, moved to a spacious new home at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Virginia Avenue, N.W.;

WHEREAS, successors to Reverend Harvey as pastors to Gethsemane Baptist Church included Reverend Carl Q. Hickerson (1943-1951), Reverend George R. Yancey (1953-1980), Reverend Leonard Charles Bennett (1981-1996), Reverend Dr. Kenneth E. Lee (1998-2000), and Reverend Khalfani Drummer (2003-present);

WHEREAS, the Gethsemane Baptist Church remained at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Virginia Avenue, N.W. until 1959, then moved to its Child Care Center at 3830 Georgia Avenue, N.W., and in May 1961 purchased the Lewis Memorial United Methodist Church at 4<sup>th</sup> and Hamilton streets, N.W., where the congregation continues to worship today;

WHEREAS, the Gethsemane Baptist Church congregation is dedicated to cherishing yesterday, living today, and dreaming of tomorrow, and, with this new millennium, the church is undertaking the renovation and improvement of its place of worship;

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WHEREAS, the Gethsemane Baptist Church, under the stewardship of its pastor, Reverend Khalfani Drummer, represents the finest in our community's religious spirit as a Place of Worship, a Place of Learning, and a Place of Service;

WHEREAS, the renovation of the Gethsemane Baptist Church will enhance its mission of service and faith through worship, education of its youth, and fellowship, while preserving its place as a significant part of our community's historic fabric; and

WHEREAS, over the past 95 years, the Gethsemane Baptist Church has grown in numbers, spirit, and fellowship, and its congregation is a dedicated and welcoming community.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gethsemane Baptist Church Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Gethsemane Baptist Church, its members, and its pastor, Reverend Khalfani Drummer, on the occasion of the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding and extends its best wishes for the next 95 years of service to our city and its residents.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To recognize and honor former Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Chairperson Charles A. Burger for his years of dedicated public service to the District of Columbia and to declare September 13, 2007, as "Charles A. Burger Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Charles A. Burger has lived and been actively involved in the community for 23 years;

WHEREAS, Charles A. Burger earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from George Washington University in 1975;

WHEREAS, Charles A. Burger served with distinction as a Member and Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board from 2000 to 2007;

WHEREAS, as Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Charles A. Burger conducted show cause and protest hearings and proposed legislation to the Mayor of Washington, D.C., implementing Title 25 of the District of Columbia Official Code and creating a civil penalty fine schedule;

WHEREAS, the operations of both the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration improved under Charles A. Burger's leadership and tenure as Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board;

WHEREAS, as Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Charles A. Burger was committed to reducing underage drinking by minors under 21 years of age;

WHEREAS, Charles A. Burger is the husband of Nancy Broers and is celebrating his 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 27, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Charles A. Burger is a current Vice Chair of the Eastern Market Advisory Committee, a board member of the Capitol Hill Association of Merchants and Professionals, and a current board member of the Anacostia Coordinating Committee.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Charles A. Burger Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates Charles A. Burger for his dedicated service to the people of the District of Columbia, and declares September 13, 2007, "Charles A. Burger Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To recognize and honor Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. for his lifelong commitment to civil rights and his dedicated service to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. was born on July 17, 1939, in Pass Christian, Mississippi;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. attended parochial elementary schools and earned his high school diploma in 1957 from Randolph High School, where he was a member of the debate and basketball teams;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. held a number of part-time jobs as a young man, including janitor, longshoreman, and waiter;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. earned his Bachelor of Science degree in biology and philosophy from Tougaloo College in 1964;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. became active in civil rights while at Tougaloo College and was one of the original members of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee;

WHEREAS, in 1964, Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. directed the Freedom Summer Project in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and was elected chairman of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, but was unable to accompany the delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey because he was jailed for registering black voters;

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party's actions in New Jersey eventually led to the Democratic National Committee desegregating future conventions and the party itself;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. earned his law degree in 1971 from Rutgers University;

WHEREAS, from 1971 to 1972, Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. worked for Pride Inc., a youth job-training program in Washington, D.C., and in 1972 began a career in the government of the District of Columbia;

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WHEREAS, Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. has long been active in local politics, serving until recently as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner;

WHEREAS, in 2004, Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. co-authored *Putting the Movement Back Into Civil Rights Teaching*, a resource guide for K-12 classrooms, and has been featured in several documentaries, including *Eyes on the Prize*, *Making Sense of the Sixties*, *The War on Poverty*, and *Tales of the FBI*;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. was honored along with others at the 2004 Democratic National Convention for their involvement with the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party; and was the recipient that year of the Living the Dream Award from the District of Columbia Martin Luther King Committee;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. conducts leadership training for a number of organizations, including Operation Understanding, the University of Ole Miss, Georgetown University, and AmeriCorps;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. is also involved in organizations, including Operation Understanding, Teaching for Change, and the Columbia Heights Community Development Corporation, and serves on the board of GAP Community Child Care Center in Mount Pleasant; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. will be honored at an appreciation dinner on October 4, 2007, for his lifelong commitment to civil rights and his dedicated service to the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. Recognition and Appreciation Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. for his many contributions and accomplishments.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To commend and thank Carol Diane Loving Powers for her 37 years of dedicated public service to youth and families across the District of Columbia and for her unquestioned advocacy and devotion to helping her neighbors and improving the community around her.

WHEREAS, Carol Diane Loving was born on April 2, 1948, at Garfield Hospital to 2 loving parents, Henry Loving, Sr. and Irene K Loving;

WHEREAS, Carol Diane Loving Powers attended Syphax Elementary School, Jefferson Junior High School, graduated from Ballou Senior High School in 1966, went on to graduate from Shaw University in 1970, and earned a Masters degree in Social Work in 1997;

WHEREAS, Carol Diane Loving Powers began her 37-year career of public service to the residents of the District of Columbia with the Department of Parks, and soon after transitioned to the Department of Human Services and the Office of Early Childhood Development;

WHEREAS, Carol Diane Loving Powers served as the exclusive program monitor for the Family Day Care Home community and championed the children, youth, and families she served day and night, 7 days a week, often giving of her personal time on weekends and holidays;

WHEREAS, Carol Diane Loving Powers is a proud member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council #20, and served as the Union Shop Steward and as a member of the Labor/Management Productivity Council; and

WHEREAS, Carol Diane Loving Powers will celebrate her retirement from public service with friends, family, and co-workers at Rehoboth Church on September 8, 2007.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Carol Diane Loving Powers Service Recognition Resolution of 2007".



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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends and thanks Carol Diane Loving Powers for her 37 years of dedicated public service to youth and families across the District of Columbia and for her unquestioned advocacy and devotion to helping her neighbors and improving the community around her.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To commemorate the dedication of the Frances DeLee Taylor Center for Community Life and commend the Townhomes on Capitol Hill for their vision and leadership to complete the final element in this vibrant new community.

WHEREAS, the Townhomes on Capitol Hill is located in Ward 6 and is bounded by 6<sup>th</sup> Street, S.E., Ellen Wilson Place, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, S.E., and the S.E./S.W. Freeway;

WHEREAS, the Townhomes on Capitol Hill, which is the District's first HOPE VI community, was built on the site of the vacant and abandoned Ellen Wilson public housing development;

WHEREAS, the Townhomes on Capitol Hill is a limited equity cooperative that provides decent, safe, and affordable housing for residents of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Townhomes on Capitol Hill includes 134 units of high-quality housing, all built to a market standard;

WHEREAS, the Townhomes on Capitol Hill has won a number of local and national awards for its design excellence and is now widely recognized as a vibrant, successful mixed-income community;

WHEREAS, the Townhomes on Capitol Hill recently opened its community center, the final element in the new community;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Townhomes on Capitol Hill has decided to name the community center in honor of the late Frances DeLee Taylor;

WHEREAS, Frances DeLee Taylor co-chaired the Community Development Corporation that was established by a group of Capitol Hill residents to build the Townhomes on Capitol Hill;

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WHEREAS, Frances DeLee Taylor was a retired officer in the United States Air Force, a successful real estate professional, and a distinguished member of the Capitol Hill community for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Townhomes on Capitol Hill is hosting a celebratory gathering on September 16, 2007, from 2 to 4 p.m., to dedicate the Frances DeLee Taylor Center for Community Life.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Townhomes on Capitol Hill Frances DeLee Taylor Center for Community Life Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends the Townhomes on Capitol Hill for the completion of its community center and the Capitol Hill residents and their contractors that made this landmark development possible.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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September 18, 2007

To recognize Ms. Laretta Chambers Jackson, and to declare September 22, 2007, as "Laretta Chambers Jackson Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Laretta Chambers Jackson was a member of the LeDroit Park Historic District Project Committee of the LeDroit Park Civic Association;

WHEREAS, Laretta Chambers Jackson conducted research at the Moorland Spingarn Research Center, the Library of Congress, and the Washingtonia Room of the District of Columbia Public Library;

WHEREAS, Laretta Chambers Jackson submitted all of her research, along with the Historic District Project and the LeDroit Park Civic Association, to designate LeDroit Park as a historic district;

WHEREAS, Laretta Chambers Jackson conducted 15 projects for the Afro-American Bi-Centennial Corporation as a recognized historian; and

WHEREAS, the work of Laretta Chambers Jackson has inspired the residents of the District of Columbia to nurture and rejuvenate LeDroit Park as a historic district.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Laretta Chambers Jackson Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Laretta Chambers Jackson, and declares September 22, 2007, "Laretta Chambers Jackson Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To honor the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District on the occasion of its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and declare September 27, 2007, "Golden Triangle Business Improvement District Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District ("Golden Triangle BID") was created by District of Columbia law in 1997 with a broad mandate to make the Golden Triangle a better place in which to work and do business;

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID is recognized for re-energizing the Central Business District of Washington, D.C., and providing consistent high-quality service to property owners, businesses, workers, visitors, and residents of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID has successfully coordinated, developed, and implemented programs that have beautified and refurbished the public spaces within the Golden Triangle and continues to enhance the streetscape through banners, bicycle racks, trash receptacles, and newspaper condos that adorn the streets and sidewalks;

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID provides a consistently clean and graffiti-free environment with its "Zero Tolerance" 24-hour graffiti removal program;

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID has assisted in the transition of many homeless persons from the streets to rehabilitation or permanent housing through local partnerships with social service organizations;

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID has worked closely with the Metropolitan Police Department, the Metro Transit Police, and the United States Park Police to ensure the safety and security of the residents, workers, and visitors of the Golden Triangle BID;

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WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID's hospitality team provides a professional, yet personalized service that assists the public with more than 48,000 requests each month through greetings, directions, the AmbassaDoor service, and a variety of general information requests;

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID works in close partnership with government services such as the Department of Transportation, Department of Public Works, the Office of Planning, and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID is directly engaged in creating a safe and welcoming atmosphere that is a benefit not only to the Golden Triangle but also to the city as a whole.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Golden Triangle Business Improvement District Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby declares September 27, 2007, "Golden Triangle Business Improvement District Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To honor and acknowledge the musical talents and accomplishments of Experience Unlimited, and Gregory "Sugar Bear" Elliott and to declare September 18, 2007, as "Experience Unlimited and Gregory "Sugar Bear" Elliott Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited began their musical career in Southeast Washington, D.C. in 1970 as a product of the District of Columbia Public Schools system and the Department of Recreation;

WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited participated in the "Summer in the Parks" program that gave the band a stage for the accumulation of many loyal fans;

WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited participated in various community events, including the "Malcolm X Day Celebration", and because of the band's popularity, this celebration grew in size to become the largest celebration in honor of Malcolm X in the United States, drawing more than 50,000 participants within 25 years;

WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited has partnered with the District of Columbia in many anti-drug and anti-gang events, lending their name and their prestige to bring about a stronger and more productive community;

WHEREAS, Gregory "Sugar Bear" Elliott, the band's leader, is a positive role model for District of Columbia youth and a pioneer in developing and promoting the District of Columbia sound of go-go music worldwide;

WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited recorded "Da Butt", which became a number one record in the United States and was nominated for a Grammy, and for which the band received many awards, including the Soul Train Music Award; and

WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited, and "Sugar Bear", after traveling the globe, never

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forgot their roots, and returned to the city they love and within which they still perform.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Experience Unlimited and Gregory "Sugar Bear" Elliott Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds and celebrates the musical contributions of Experience Unlimited and Gregory "Sugar Bear" Elliott in the District of Columbia, and declares September 18, 2007, "Experience Unlimited and Gregory "Sugar Bear" Elliott Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.



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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To declare September 2007 as "Pain Awareness Month" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, almost 75 million Americans suffer from acute or chronic pain on a regular basis;

WHEREAS, pain takes an economic toll on our country, costing billions of dollars each year in medical expenses, lost wages, reduced productivity, and other costs, and can occur at any stage of life;

WHEREAS, untreated and under-treated pain may potentially rob District of Columbia citizens of their quality of life, thereby affecting their physical, social, and spiritual well-being; and

WHEREAS, people who suffer from chronic pain are often stigmatized and not informed about their right to effective pain assessment and management of clinical needs.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Pain Awareness Month Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia seeks to increase awareness surrounding the under- treatment of pain, to inspire the health care community and District residents to have the right to appropriate pain management, and to improve the quality of life of those suffering from pain, by proclaiming September 2007 as "Pain Awareness Month".

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To posthumously recognize and honor the career and humanitarian spirit of Robert Samuel Moore, Sr., and to declare September 18, 2007, as "Robert Samuel Moore, Sr. Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Robert Samuel Moore, Sr. was born in Washington, D.C. on February 27, 1932;

WHEREAS, Robert Samuel Moore, Sr. graduated from Armstrong High School in 1950;

WHEREAS, Robert Samuel Moore, Sr. served in the Army National Guard as a military policeman, attaining the rank of sergeant;

WHEREAS, Robert Samuel Moore, Sr. started his governmental career as a security officer at the National Bureau of Standards, and after one year, moved to the District of Columbia Public Library system, where he served from 1953-1965;

WHEREAS, Robert Samuel Moore, Sr. became the Assistant Secretary to the District of Columbia City Council from 1965-1970; and

WHEREAS, Robert Samuel Moore, Sr. was appointed by the honorable Mayor Walter Washington to serve as Deputy Executive Secretary to the Mayor from 1970-1987, serving both Mayor Walter Washington and Mayor Marion Barry.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Robert Samuel Moore, Sr. Posthumous Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates the life of Robert Samuel Moore, Sr., and his contributions to the citizens of the District of Columbia, and declares September 18, 2007, "Robert Samuel Moore, Sr. Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To welcome His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet to the District of Columbia on the occasion of his receiving the Congressional Gold Medal, and to declare October 17, 2007, as "His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet is a spiritual leader to millions of Buddhists throughout the world and the leader of the Tibetan people;

WHEREAS, His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet has advanced the cause of world peace through adherence to the doctrines of nonviolence and universal responsibility;

WHEREAS, His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet has persistently upheld the rights and dignity of all peoples, regardless of faith or nationality;

WHEREAS, His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet through his writings, teachings, public talks, and travels, has furthered mutual understanding, respect, and unity among individuals and peoples;

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States awarded His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet the Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, nonviolence, human rights, and religious understanding;

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia welcomes the Dalai Lama and his message of mutual understanding, respect, and unity to the citizens of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia thanks His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet for his words of concern and support for the citizens of the District of Columbia as they strive for representation; and

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WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia commends the Congress of the United States and celebrates with the American people on the occasion of the October 17, 2007 awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to the Dalai Lama.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia welcomes His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet to the District of Columbia on the occasion of his receiving the Congressional Gold Medal, and declares October 17, 2007, as "His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2007

To posthumously honor Effi Slaughter Barry, former First Lady of the District of Columbia, for her many contributions to the welfare of the residents of the District of Columbia and for her admirable service as First Lady.

WHEREAS, Effi Slaughter Barry was born, in 1944, in Piney Tops, Mississippi and, in 1978, became only the second First Lady of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Effi Barry was previously a flight attendant, junior high school teacher, and a credit reporter while earning a Master's Degree in Public Health from the City College of New York;

WHEREAS, Effi Barry also worked as a health and food inspector with the former District of Columbia Department of Environmental Services while maintaining a successful modeling career;

WHEREAS, Effi Barry was married to The Honorable Marion Barry, Jr., in 1978, and they had one son, Marion Christopher Barry, who was born in 1980;

WHEREAS, Effi Barry served for 12 years as First Lady;

WHEREAS, during those 12 years, Effi Barry surrendered a personal desire for a private life and became an active public figure;

WHEREAS, Effi Barry made many contributions to her adopted city;

WHEREAS, Effi Barry was an example to all in public life to experience the personal, but public, events in one's life with dignity and reserve, but to remain an approachable human being, still concerned with the commonweal and those with special needs, such as children and people infected with HIV/AIDS;

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WHEREAS, Effi Barry gracefully left the public stage to become a professor of Health Education at her alma mater, Hampton University, a historically black college, teaching health and sex education for 12 years;

WHEREAS, Effi Barry returned to the District in 2005 and once again entered public service, as program director of the HIV/AIDS Administration in the District of Columbia's Department of Health;

WHEREAS, Effi Barry served on the board of the Corcoran Gallery and was a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Washington, D.C., Chapter of the Continental Society, Inc., among many other organizations;

WHEREAS, Effi Barry attended St. Timothy's Episcopal Church of Washington, D.C., where she was a devoted member;

WHEREAS, Effi Barry gathered friends to help raise money on behalf of children who were hungry or needed clothes;

WHEREAS, Effi Barry helped to break the barrier of gender discrimination in public school sports by working to include equal financial support for girls' sports teams;

WHEREAS, Effi Barry lost a courageous battle with leukemia on September 6, 2007;

WHEREAS, on September 13 and 14, 2007 Effi Barry laid in repose in the John A. Wilson building;

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2007, Effi Barry was eulogized at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter & St. Paul in the City & Episcopal Diocese of Washington, which is also known as the Washington National Cathedral; and

WHEREAS, Effi Slaughter Barry shall forever be an honored First Lady, forever remembered for her grace and good works.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Effi Slaughter Barry Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia posthumously recognizes, honors, and bids a fond "adieu" to Effi Slaughter Barry.

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Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.